

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated January 29, 2009 in conjunction with the enclosed Request for Continued Examination. Claims 1 to 25 are currently pending. Claims 1, 10, and 21 are in independent form. Claims 1, 5 to 7, 10 to 12, 18, and 20 are amended herein for clarity. No new matter is added by these amendments. Please charge deposit account number 02-1818 for any fees due in association with the RCE and this Response.

The Office Action rejected independent Claims 1, 10, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rowe* (U.S. Patent 6,892,182) in view of *Foodman* (U.S. Patent 6,547,131). Applicants disagree and traverse this rejection.

Applicant has elected, without prejudice, to disqualify *Rowe* from being used in such rejection in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §103(c). 35 U.S.C. §103(c) sets forth the following:

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the claimed invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

Applicant is entitled to disqualify *Rowe* under 35 U.S.C. §103(c) for the following reasons:

- (a) The claimed subject matter of this U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/662,495 ("Subject Application") was conceived by inventors John W. Chamberlain, Mohamad Ali Saffari, and Larry R. Hollibaugh, and the subject matter of *Rowe* was conceived by another person, specifically, inventors Rick Rowe, Bhavani Prasad, Franco Crivelli, Gary H. Sullivan, and Mare A. Espin.
- (b) *Rowe* qualifies as prior art only under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), and it does not meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102(a).

- (c) As of September 15, 2003, the subject matter of *Rowe* and the claimed invention of the Subject Application were owned by the same person, or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person, for the following reasons:
 - (i) *Rowe* was owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to IGT as of such date.
 - (ii) The Subject Application was owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to IGT as of such date.
- (d) Attached to this response is a copy of the following documents to show proof of IGT's co-ownership of both *Rowe* and the Subject Application:
 - (i) A copy of the Patent Abstract of Title from the USPTO website showing Patent No. 6,892,182 to *Rowe, et al.* was assigned from Rick Rowe, Bhavani Prasad, Franco Crivelli, Gary Sullivan, and Marc Espin to International Game Technology. The assignment document was recorded on January 22, 2001.
 - (ii) A copy of the Patent Abstract of Title from the USPTO website showing Patent No. 6,892,182 to *Rowe, et al.* was assigned from International Game Technology to IGT. The assignment document was recorded on June 5, 2003. A copy of the corresponding Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet and the executed assignment document are also attached.
 - (iii) A copy of the Patent Abstract of Title from the USPTO website showing the Subject Application (Appl. No. 10/662,495) was assigned from John W. Chamberlain, Mohamad Ali Saffari, and Larry R. Hollibaugh to IGT. The assignment document was recorded on September 15, 2003. A copy of the corresponding Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document from the USPTO and the executed assignment are also attached.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that *Rowe* is disqualified as prior art pursuant to §103(c). All of the rejections of the claims rely upon *Rowe*. With *Rowe* being disqualified, the art cited by the Office Action does not separately or collectively disclose the claimed subject matter of the claims. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and in the absence of more pertinent art such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TICKET GENERATION AND ACCOUNTING

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WHEREAS, International Game Technology (hereinafter "ASSIGNOR"), a Nevada Corporation with its principal place of business at 9295 Prototype Drive, Reno, NV 89521, owns or has rights to certain patents, patent applications and inventions disclosed/claimed therein, identified in the attached Schedule entitled "IP SCHEDULE A";

AND WHEREAS, IGT (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a Nevada Corporation with its principal place of business at 9295 Prototype Drive, Reno, NV 89521, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said patents, patent applications and inventions;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby grants, conveys, assigns and transfers unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and legal representatives and assigns, its entire right, title and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said patents, patent applications and inventions listed on the attached Schedule identified as "IP SCHEDULE A" and all divisions, renewals, continuations, reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may be filed for said inventions in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said inventions in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof, and the subject matter of any and all claims which may be obtained in said patents, patent applications and inventions, including all rights to profits and damages by reason of past infringement by any party or parties, with the right to sue and collect same for ASSIGNEE and ASSIGNEE's successors, and assigns own use and benefit.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ASSIGNOR has caused this ASSIGNMENT to be duly executed by one of its members this 22 day of October 2002.

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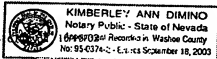
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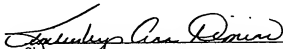
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IGTECH.0002P	P-291	Gaming Device Network	09/688,783	10/16/00
IGTECH.0003P	P-294	Method and Apparatus for Software Authentication	09/643,388	08/21/00
IGTECH.0004P	P-300	Coin Hopper Coin Feeder Mechanism	09/617,482 U.S. Patent No. 6,350,193	07/17/00
IGTECH.0005P	P-303	Method and Apparatus for Downloading Peripheral Code	09/823,833	03/30/01
IGTECH.0006P	P-298	Gaming Device Network	09/788,107	02/16/01
IGTECH.0007P	P-347	Method and Apparatus for Voucher Sorting and Reconciliation in Soft Count Process	09/631,855	08/03/00
IGTECH.0008P	P-391	Method and Apparatus for Ticket Generation and Accounting	09/688,775	10/16/00
IGTECH.0009P	P-390	Graphical User Interface	09/688,854	10/16/00
IGTECH.0010P	P-305	Personal Gaming Device	09/882,558	06/15/01
IGTECH.0011P	P-357	Method and Apparatus for Gaming Device Software Configuration	09/877,991	06/08/01
IGTECH.0012P	P-276	Gaming Machine Including Security Data Collection Device	09/957,805	09/21/01
IGTECH.0013P	P-227	Method and Apparatus for Securing Gaming Machine Operating Data	09/880,474	06/12/01
IGTECH.0014P	P-267CIP3	Gaming System Including Portable Game Devices	09/882,559	06/15/01
IGTECH.0018P	P-559	Gaming Machine with Receipt Generation Capabilities	09/903,089	07/10/01
IGTECH.0020P	P-461	Gaming Device with Write Only Mass Storage	09/967,517	09/28/01
IGTECH.0021P	P-512	Method and Apparatus for Fraud Detection	09/967,424	09/28/01
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IGTECH.0025P	P-676CIP2	Method and Apparatus for Monitoring Player Loss in a Gaming Environment	09/966,706	09/27/01
IGTECH.0026P	P-347CAN	Method and Apparatus for Voucher Sorting and Reconciliation in Soft Count Process	2,353,758 CANADA	07/25/01
IGTECH.0027P	P-714	Method and Apparatus for Graphically Portraying Gaming Environment and Information Regarding Components Thereof	09/965,785	09/27/01
IGTECH.0028P	P-627CIP	Method and Apparatus for Directing Information to Particular Game Players	09/965,786	09/27/01
IGTECH.0029P	P-627CIP2	Method and System for Funding and Awarding Bonuses in a Gaming Environment	09/965,908	09/27/01
IGTECH.0030P	P-294PCT	Method and Apparatus for Software Authentication	PCT/US01/26065	08/20/01
IGTECH.0032	P-291CAN	Gaming Device Network	2,358,155 CANADA	10/03/01
IGTECH.0033P	P-291AU	Gaming Device Network	79449/01 AUSTRALIA	10/16/01
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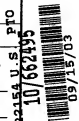
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WHEREAS, the undersigned, to wit: JOHN W. CHAMBERLAIN, MOHAMAD ALI SAFFARI and LARRY R. HOLLIBAUGH (hereinafter "ASSIGNORS"), are the lawful owners of an invention known as Docket No. 0112300-768 and entitled: ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER KIOSK FOR USE WITH WAGERING GAMING MACHINE, on which a patent application of the United States is executed of even date herewith and is about to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;

AND WHEREAS, IGT (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of Nevada and having its principal office and place of business at 9295 Prototype Drive, Reno, Nevada, 89521-8986, USA, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, said ASSIGNORS do hereby sell, assign, and transfer, and hereby set over unto ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention in the United States of America and all foreign countries, including, without limitation, said invention as described in the aforesaid application, to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNORS had this assignment and sale not been made, including, without limitation, all rights to the aforesaid application and to any United States Letters Patent therefor, when issued together with all improvements thereon and betterments thereof, all related applications including, but not limited to, divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reissues and reexaminations thereof and substitutions of or for said application, and all foreign rights including the right to make application for Letters Patent for said inventions in any and all foreign countries and the right to claim priority as to the filing date under the International Convention on the basis for the aforesaid application for United States Letters Patent; and ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all Letters Patent issuing therefrom to ASSIGNEE, for its interest as ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

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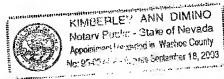
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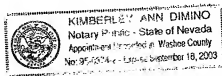
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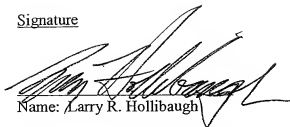
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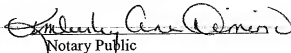
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State of Nevada)
County of Washoe) SS.

On this 11 day of September, 2003, before me, a notary public, in and for the aforementioned state and county, personally appeared the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and executed the foregoing instrument in my presence for the purpose contained therein, by signing his name hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and official seal.

Date: 9-11-03


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 9-18-03

